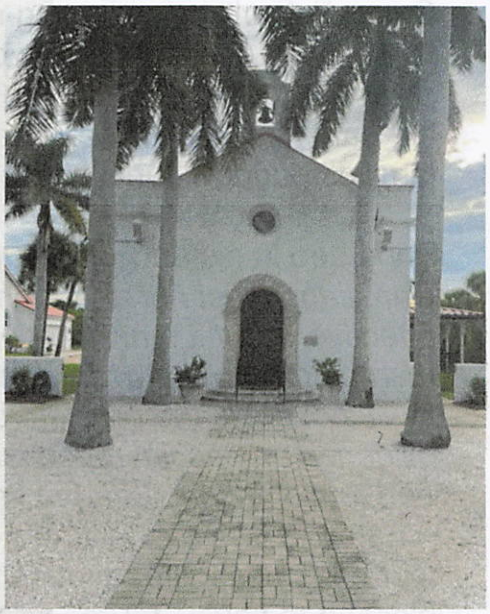
OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday:	5:00 pm
Sunday:	9:00 & 10:30 am
Mon-Friday:	8:00 am
First Saturday Anointing:	After 5:00 pm vigil
Sacrament of Penance:	By appointment
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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, NOVEMBER 8, 2026

Diocese of Bariadi, Tanzania

This weekend, November 7-8, Fr. Cyril, a priest from the newly established Diocese of Bariadi, Tanzania will be here as part of the Diocese of Venice Mission Cooperative Program. Fr. Cyril will give the homily at all Masses; a second collection will be taken up on behalf of his Diocese. Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Mercy with Mission Co-Op 2026 in the memo.

A Message from Father Cyril:

I am writing to share with you some of the urgent needs of the new Diocese of Bariadi. As a newly established diocese, it is an area of primary evangelization facing several significant challenges:

- Clean and Safe Water: A key priority is digging more wells to provide clean, safe water so community members no longer have to walk long miles in search of it.
- Education for Young Girls: Supporting education for young girls is critical, as it helps prevent early marriages to older men and protects them from FGM.
- Places of Worship and Pastoral Care: Most communities currently celebrate the Eucharist under trees or in private homes. There is a pressing need to build proper churches and train local catechists in the villages, given the small number of priests available to serve a large Catholic population.

These are just a few of the primary obstacles the new diocese is working to overcome.

Diocese of Venice TV Masses at our parish

On **Wednesday, November 18** we will be filming two TV Masses to be broadcast throughout the Diocese on Sunday, December 6 and 13. The filming will begin at **10:am** and the filming will last for approximately two hours. Everyone is invited to attend these special Masses. Through this outreach ministry, the homebound, the infirm, those in prison, or those traveling can view the Mass to remain connected to the Church and make a Spiritual Communion. We gather to pray for those who cannot be with us physically at this time. There will be **no 8 am Mass** on Wednesday, November 18 due to the TV Masses

Annual Thanksgiving Drive

Our parish will be collecting monetary donations for the purchase of Thanksgiving baskets for families in Lee County. Any donation amount is welcome. In the memo line of your check please put turkey donation. For the past thirteen years, through the generosity of the faithful, the parishes where I have been the pastor, this ministry has been there to assist the neediest families during Thanksgiving.

Pope Leo in his encyclical ***Dilexi Te*** spoke of our responsibility to the poor among us. *"We Christians must not abandon almsgiving. It can be done in different ways, and surely more effectively, but it must continue to be done. It is always better at least to do something rather than nothing. Whatever form it may take, almsgiving will touch and soften our hardened hearts. It will not solve the problem of world poverty, yet it must still be carried out, with intelligence, diligence and social responsibility. For our part, we need to give alms as a way of reaching our and touching the suffering flesh of the poor."* (119).

Our parish has already received seed money, a donation for this Holiday food drive. We are blessed to have St. Francis Xavier Parish in Fort Myers generously provide Thanksgiving baskets for an additional 50 families. A team of volunteers who have worked with me conducting outreach, some for the past 27 years will coordinate the distribution. On your check, put in the memo line: Turkey Donation. God bless your generosity.

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9:00 am on Thursday, November 26.

Join us for a special Mass on Veterans Day! Come to worship and also to honor USA Veterans on Wednesday, November 11, 2026 at the Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72, Sarasota. Opening ceremonies begin at 2:45 P.M. Contact Rachel Powers at powers@dioceseofvenice.org or 941-486-4716 for more information.

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Faith Appeal 2026

Parish assessment this year is $144,000

$122,614.74 collected as of November 2

Envelopes are available at the front of the church. Please make checks payable to the *Catholic Faith Appeal* and *in the memo write Our Lady of Mercy Parish* so that we receive proper credit for your donation. Every dollar given to the CFA helps us reach our goal. May God continue to bless our generous parish. We are hopeful that 100% of our Parish community will respond to the 2026 Catholic Faith Appeal to successfully meet and perhaps exceed our goal. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Annual Catholic Faith Appeal 2026



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